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## Memorandum

Date: April 14, 1999  
To: BDAC Governance Work Group  
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Subject: BDAC Governance Work Group and Interested Parties

The next BDAC Governance Work Group meeting will be on **Thursday April 22, 1999 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Room 1131 of the Resources Building, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento.** The primary objectives of the meeting are :

- Concurrence on the general governing functions for CALFED
- Concurrence on the interim CALFED governance proposal
- Narrowing the ecosystem options for further consideration

Attached is information describing the progress to date on CALFED governance. Since the last BDAC Work Group meeting the work efforts have focused on (1) researching legal questions, (2) optimizing and further evaluating the ecosystem governance options, (3) evaluating the governance functions and structures for CALFED oversight and the other CALFED Program elements, and (4) developing a interim proposal for CALFED governance.

To better understand the functions for all aspects of CALFED implementation I have grouped the functions into three categories:

- Oversight Functions
- Program Management Functions
- Direct Implementation Functions

While there are three categories of functions there may not be a need for three corresponding governance structures. There is generally no disagreement that oversight functions would be housed in an oversight entity. However there are different views of where the program management functions should reside.

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### CALFED Agencies

California    The Resources Agency  
                  Department of Fish and Game  
                  Department of Water Resources  
                  California Environmental Protection Agency  
                  State Water Resources Control Board

Federal      Environmental Protection Agency  
                  Department of the Interior  
                  Fish and Wildlife Service  
                  Bureau of Reclamation  
                  U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Department of Commerce  
National Marine Fisheries Service

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For example, there are numerous existing agencies with responsibility for and involvement in watershed management. In one case, the program management responsibilities of the CALFED watershed program may be appropriately housed in an oversight entity to provide more consolidated oversight. In another case the program management responsibilities may be appropriately housed in one of the existing agencies that could take the lead role. For each of the CALFED Program elements, staff will review the existing agency authorities and the specific program functions before a long term governance structure can be proposed.

Materials included in this packet:

Agenda

March Meeting Summary

Attachment 1--CALFED Governance Table

Attachment 2-- Interim governance proposal

Attachment 3-- Governance functions

Attachment 4-- Oversight functions

Attachment 5-- Ecosystem governance